

St. Louis Arsenal, Building No. 3  
Second and Arsenal Streets  
St. Louis  
St. Louis City County  
Missouri

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location: Second and Arsenal Streets, St. Louis, St. Louis City County, Missouri. Demolished August 1960

Brief Statement of Significance: This is a large brick structure built in 1850. The building was fortified and involved in the riots in April and May 1861, when Confederate sympathizers attempted to seize ammunition and arms.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: The building was originally owned by the United States Army, which used it as an ordnance depot. It was last owned by the United States Air Force, which used it as an aeronautical chart and information center.
2. Date of erection: 1850.
3. Builder, suppliers: Probably Charles H. Peck.
4. Original plans: In National Archives, Washington, D. C.
5. Notes on alterations and additions: Interior altered during World War II.
6. Important old views: Missouri Historical Society picture collection.
7. Source of information: J. Thomas Scharf, History of St. Louis and St. Louis County (Philadelphia: 1883), pages 534-536.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Ordnance records, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This is a large, two-story brick building with simplified Greek Revival details.
2. Condition of fabric: Demolished August 1960.

## B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: 75' x 45', two stories, divided three bays by five bays.

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2. Foundations: Cut limestone.
3. Wall construction: Brick with the walls divided into Doric blind arcades with brick arches and flat pilasters.
4. Openings:
  - a. Doors: Cast-iron with glass panes.
  - b. Windows: Cast-iron window frames. Very low segmental arched openings on the first floor, semi-circular arched openings on second floor.
5. Roof:
  - a. Shape: Gable.
  - b. Cornice: Brick cornice with a pediment at gable ends.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: One large room per floor.
2. Stairways: Modern replacements.
3. Flooring: Modern wood.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Beaver board.
5. Doorways and doors: No interior doors or partitions.
6. Lighting: Electric.

D. Site:

1. Orientation: The axis of the building runs east and west, with entrances at both ends.
2. General setting: The building is on the grounds of the St. Louis Arsenal.

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